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Title: EXPANDER DEVICE CAPABLE OF PERSISTENT RESERVATIONS AND

PERSISTENT AFFILIATIONS

Assignee: Intel Corporation

AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This is in connection with Applicant's Request for Continued Examination and in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2006. As this response is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period of reply no extension of time is believed necessary. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for an extension has inadvertently been overlooked. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any necessary extension fees.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 8 of this paper.